

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A) Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-9000a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

Historic name Kuns-Collier House

Other name/site number 113-3430-0011

2. Location


Street & number 302 S. Walnut Street ☐ not for publication

City or town McPherson ☐ vicinity

State Kansas Code KS County McPherson Code 113 Zip code 67460

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this ☒ nomination ☐ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property ☒ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant ☐ nationally ☐ statewide ☒ locally. (☐ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)



1/23/06

Signature of certifying official/Title
Kansas State Historical Society

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property ☐ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. (☐ See continuation sheet for additional Comments.)

Signature of commenting official /Title

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

- ☐ entered in the National Register. ☐ See continuation sheet.
- ☐ determined eligible for the National Register ☐ See continuation sheet.
- ☐ determined not eligible for the National Register
- ☐ removed from the National Register
- ☐ other, (explain:)

Kuns-Collier House
Name of Property

McPherson County, Kansas
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- ☒ private
☐ public-local
☐ public-State
☐ public-Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

- ☒ building(s)
☐ district
☐ site
☐ structure
☐ object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing
2	
	buildings
	sites
	structures
	objects
2	total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

**Number of contributing resources previously listed
in the National Register**

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter Categories from instructions)

Domestic: Single Dwelling; Residence

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

Domestic: Single Dwelling; Residence

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

Late 19th and 20th Century Revivals: Tudor Revival

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

Foundation: Concrete
Walls: Brick; Stucco

Roof: Asbestos

Other: Stone: Limestone

Narrative Description
(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "X" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register)

- ☐ A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history
- ☐ B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☒ C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ D Property has yielded, or likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- ☐ A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ☐ B removed from its original location.
- ☐ C a birthplace or grave.
- ☐ D a cemetery.
- ☐ E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- ☐ F a commemorative property.
- ☐ G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

1909

Significant Dates

1909

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation

Architect/Builder

Architect: Adriaan Van Brunt and Brother

Builder: Frank Scrackengast

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- ☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- ☐ previously listed in the National Register
- ☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register
- ☐ designated a National Historic Landmark
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering

Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- ☒ State Historic Preservation Office
- ☐ Other State agency
- ☐ Federal agency
- ☐ Local government
- ☐ University
- ☐ Other

Name of repository:

Kansas State Historical Society

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Name of Property

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County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Less than one acre

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1	4	6	1	6	2	3	0	4	2	4	7	1	6	0
Zone		Easting						Northing						
2														

3														
Zone		Easting						Northing						
4														

☐ See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

Name/title Mr. Richard A. Selack
Organization _____ Date March 16, 2005
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City or town McPherson State KS Zip code 67460

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items

(Check with SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

Name Dr. and Mrs. William J. Collier
Street & number 302 S. Walnut St. Telephone 620-241-2484
City or town McPherson State KS Zip code 67460

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Description

The Kuns-Collier House (c. 1909) is located at 302 S. Walnut Street in McPherson, McPherson County, Kansas (pop. 13,770).

The Kuns-Collier house is a two-story, plus attic, red brick, and half-timbered Tudor Revival house with an asbestos shingled roof. The house has an eastern facade orientation. The main body of the house measures 53 feet across the front and 36 feet to a rear extension and is surmounted with a hipped roof that is intersected with gable roofs and dormers. The rear extension measures 31 feet wide and 23 feet long and is surmounted with a gable roof. The house stands on a concrete foundation. The house is at the southwest corner of South Walnut and West Sutherland Streets, three blocks south of the McPherson County Courthouse which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The property is situated on three 50 foot lots comprising a half block frontage.

A contributing one and a half story three-car frame garage (c. 1909) stands at the southwest corner of the property. A single and double garage door front the eastern facade. The garage is surmounted with a hipped roof. Half timbering on the front matches the house. The side and rear elevations are tongue and groove wood siding. A one-story lean-to projects from the north elevation. Exterior stairs to the loft project from the south elevation. A driveway enters the property from Walnut Street to the garage and then exits at the north side of the garage into the alley.

The property maintains original architectural and structural integrity. The exterior appearance of the house is the same as when it was built. Only changes that have been made are adding screens on a porch; replacing window sash with attic fan louvers in an attic dormer; converting a window to a door to a porch roof; and putting in window sash on a small upstairs sleeping porch. The dark oak and mahogany interior woodwork, leaded glass windows and cabinetry, vintage wall brackets, and original fabric wall coverings in the large downstairs rooms reflect a magnificent Tudor Revival home of the pre-World War I era. The only interior changes are: converting the butler's pantry into a breakfast room; modernizing the kitchen during the 1940s; and bathroom modernization.

The first story of the house is red brick with limestone window sills and surrounds. The second story and attic level are half timbered, filled with asbestos panels. A one story gabled portico, supported by two brick rectangular columns, frames the entrance door at the center of the front facade. The large oak door is surrounded by leaded glass sidelights fashioned in a diamond pattern. A screened in porch projects to the south from the south corner of the front facade. Balustrade with vertical flat-sided balusters surrounds the porch and three sides of the flat porch roof. A terrace with identical balustrade fronts this porch and the south half of the house to the portico. The roofline at the front facade is composed of twin gables intersecting the roof at each end. Each gable contains a window. A gable dormer containing a single window is in the middle. Gable dormers with a single window are at the east

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end of both the south and north elevations. First and second floor bay windows on both the south and north elevations culminate in gables at the roofline with each gable containing a single window. The house contains double hung windows with vertical upper sash muntins, except the first floor bay windows which contain leaded upper sash fashioned in a diamond pattern. There is a side entrance at the west end of the north elevation. There is a small kitchen porch at the southwest corner of the house. A large chimney pierces the roof at the northwest corner. Another chimney runs in the middle of the west exterior wall of the house. The roof of the house and the garage are composed of gray asbestos singles, 8 inches by 16 inches, laid 7 inches to the weather in the French method.

Inside the front entrance is a large 12 feet wide front hall with openings on the left for the library and to the right for the living room. Directly beyond these openings is a dark oak staircase on the south wall. A half bath opens off the right side of the back portion of the hall. The hall has dark oak wainscoting. A private hall is beyond the front hall. It contains a back staircase and a side entrance on the north. The library is 17 by 19 feet and contains dark oak bookcases in each four corners. The bookcases have leaded glass doors fashioned in a diamond pattern. The room has dark oak wainscoting. The ceiling contains original stenciling. To the west of the library is the dining room. Leaded glass pocket doors separate the two rooms. The dining room is 16 by 19 feet and has dark oak wainscoting, plate rail, and beamed ceiling. A large slag glass chandelier centers the room. The original butler's pantry opens off the dining room and is in the west extension to the house. The butler's pantry has been converted into a breakfast room. A unique feature in this room is a heating radiator composed of four shelves which had been used to keep food warm. Directly beyond this room is the kitchen which covers the entire west end of the house. Double living rooms are on the north side of the house. The first room which opens off the front hall is 19 by 17 feet and has a dark mahogany beamed ceiling and trim. The second living room, directly to the west, is 15 by 16 feet. It also has a dark mahogany beamed ceiling and a tiled fireplace in the center of the south wall.

Upstairs, four bedrooms are at each corner of the main body of the house. Two bedrooms are 16 by 19 feet and two are 16 by 17 feet. The bedrooms have painted poplar trim and natural birch doors. Directly in the middle of the front of the house is the family bathroom. It contains original tile, marble shower, and cabinetry. On each side of the bathroom hall door is an opaque leaded glass window fashioned in a diamond pattern which provides light to the upstairs hall. The extension of the house contains two smaller bedrooms, one which had been converted from the open sleeping porch, and a bathroom. This portion of the house had originally been used as servants' quarters.

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Statement of Significance

The Kuns-Collier House (c.1909) is located at 302 South Walnut Street in McPherson, Kansas. The property is being nominated to the National Register under Criterion C for its architectural significance as an example of the English Tudor Revival Style.

The house was built for Daniel F. Kuns and his first wife, Myrtle, in 1909. On July 31, 1905, Mr. Kuns had purchased three city lots (150 feet) and began planning for construction of the home at that time. Adriance Van Brunt and Brother, Architects, of Kansas City, Missouri were retained to draw the plans for an "Early English Style Residence". The architectural drawings and specifications, dated March 23, 1908; still remain in the house. Mr. and Mrs. Kuns moved into the house in July 1909. The cost of the house was reported to be more than \$17,000.

The house remains today and is a magnificent example of pre-World War I Tudor Revival architectural design. The large house portrays the prosperity and lifestyle of an early banker in a small but developing Kansas town. Very insignificant changes have been made to the exterior of the house, none affecting the original architectural characteristics or appearance of the house, and only very minor changes have been made to the interior. The interior of the house has dark oak and mahogany trim, wainscoting, beamed ceilings, and cabinetry; leaded glass windows and cabinetry; vintage wall brackets; and original fabric wall coverings in the library, dining room, and two living rooms. The house and garage retain original asbestos "Century" shingles applied in the French method on the roof and asbestos building panels (half-timber fill) on the front of the garage, front of the portico, and second story and attic levels of the house. The asbestos shingles and panels were manufactured by the Keasbey & Mattison Company, Ambler, Pennsylvania. The Kuns-Collier House is a virtual "time-capsule" of the past.

Daniel F. Kuns was born on April 8, 1870, near Cerro Gordo, Illinois. At 16 years of age he accepted a position as a bookkeeper in his brother's bank in Cerro Gordo. In 1888, he entered the Prickett College of Commerce in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania where he graduated in the business course. In 1889, he accepted a position of cashier of the Farmers Bank of Cerro Gordo, where he worked for a year. In 1890, Mr. Kuns accepted a position of cashier of The State Bank of Hayes Center, Nebraska where he worked until the summer of 1891. On September 1, 1891, at the age of 21, Mr. Kuns and his brother Noah organized the Farmers & Merchants Bank of McPherson, Kansas. Daniel F. Kuns served as president of the bank. Mr. Kuns married Myrtle Maeyers on September 10, 1896. They were the parents of two children, Jack and Mary Rosalie. Mrs. Kuns died on September 5, 1914. On July 22, 1917, Mr. Kuns married Lottie Haberlein. The bank failed during the Depression. Mr. Kuns died on March 19, 1960 at Enid, Oklahoma.

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On February 19, 1936, the home was sold to Marne Jensen Allison and John B. Allison. On December 5, 1944, the home was sold to E.K. Carey and Winifred J. Carey. On December 17, 1945, the home was sold to Lee Miller. Mr. Miller was a founder of San Ore Construction Company, a major road builder in the central part of the United States. Mr. Miller died on October 6, 1958. On December 1, 1958, the daughter of Mr. Miller sold the house for \$30,000 to the current owners, Dr. William J. Collier and Mary E. Collier.

William Jewell Collier was born on April 25, 1925, near Albany Missouri. He was born at home on a farm. He attended a one-room grade school at Locust Grove, Missouri. He graduated from Albany High School in 1943 during World War II. He volunteered for the U.S. Navy and was assigned to the Navy V-12 Pre-med program at Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana where he obtained the Bachelor of Science degree. Following the war, he continued medical school at Wake Forest University, Winston Salem, North Carolina, where he received the Medical Doctor (M.D.) degree. He returned to the Navy to take an internship at Great Lakes, Illinois. He then took residencies in medicine for one year and then four years in general surgery at Veterans Administration Hospital (now Eisenhower Medical Center), Leavenworth, Kansas. This was interrupted by the Korean War where he served for two years at National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland and Naval Hospital, Oakland, California. During this time he married Mary Evelyn Fisher on March 29, 1952. After completing surgery residency, he became assistant chief of surgery at the Veterans Administration Hospital (now Robert Dole Medical Center) where he was also an instructor at the University of Kansas Medical Center at Kansas City, Kansas. He became a diplomate of the American Board of Surgery and was awarded as a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons.

Dr. and Mrs. Collier moved to McPherson, Kansas in 1958 in order for Dr. Collier to start a surgical practice. At that time, the general practitioner doctors in McPherson performed their own surgeries. In order for Dr. Collier to survive financially and not leave McPherson, it became necessary for him to do out of town surgery. Dr. Collier drove to Lindsborg and later flew his own plane on a regular and emergency basis to Lyons, Osborne, and Beloit. Dr. Collier closed his active surgical practice in December 1995, but continues as a semi-retired surgeon assisting with surgery. Dr. and Mrs. Collier have four children: William Collier II, D.D.S.; Sherry Young; Terri Velasquez; and Linda Beougher.

The Kuns-Collier House retains the highest degree of architectural integrity and is eligible for the National Register under Criterion C.

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Bibliography

Abstract for Lots 1, 2 and 3, Block 105, Original Town Site, McPherson, McPherson County, Kansas.

The McPherson Republican New Century Pictorial Edition, March 1, 1901.

The McPherson Daily Republican, November 8, 1913.

Legal Affidavit, Daniel F. Kuns, February 19, 1936.

Biography, William J. Collier, M.D., March 2005.

Kuns Family History, undated.

Verbal Boundary Description

The nominated property is located on Lots, 1, 2, and 3, Block 105, Original Town Site, McPherson, McPherson County, Kansas. The property is bounded on the east by South Walnut Street, on the north by West Sutherland Street, on the south by adjacent property lines, and on the west by an alley.

Boundary Justification

The boundary includes all extant property historically associated with the house.

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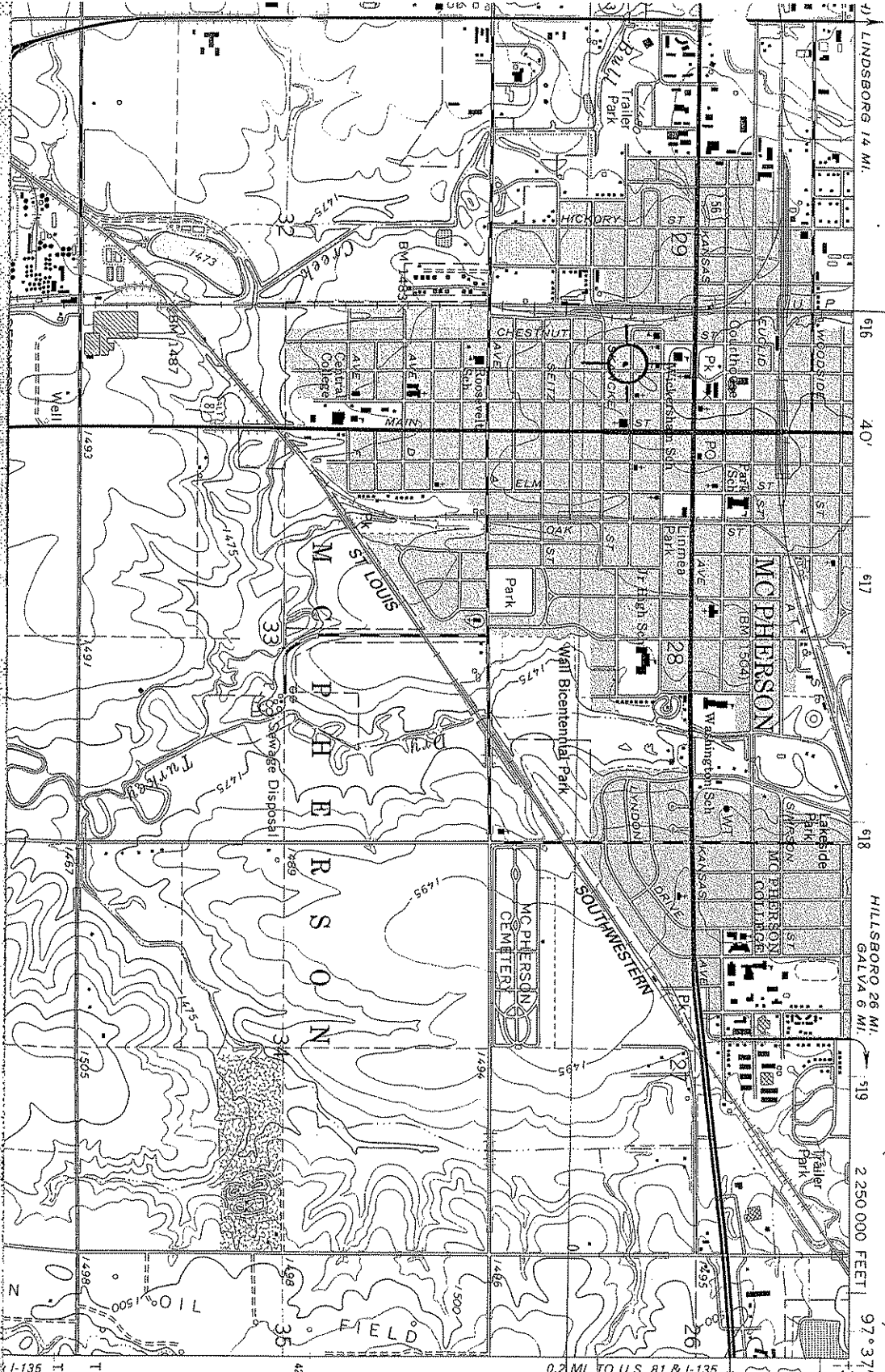
Photographs

The following information is consistent for all photographs:

1. Kuns-Collier House
2. McPherson Co., Kansas
3. Photograph by Patrick Zollner
4. August 2, 2005
5. Negative on file at Kansas State Historical Society

The following information is specific to each photograph:

<u>Photo #</u>	<u>Description of View</u>
1.	View from the east.
2.	View from the southeast.
3.	View from the south.
4.	View from the west.
5.	View from the northwest.
6.	View from the north.
7.	View of garage from the southeast.
8.	View of foyer and staircase from the east.
9.	View of fireplace in west living room from the north.
10.	View of pocket door between library and dining room from the west.
11.	View of second floor landing and bathroom entrance.
12.	Stenciled ceiling detail in northwest corner of library.



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7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

HILLSBORO 26 MI.
GALVA 6 MI.

2 250 000 FEET

97°37'30"
38°22'30"

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McPherson Co., Kansas
UTM Coordinates:
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